

PROMINENT
CITIZED DEADBenj. Gates Howe of St.
Johnsbury Passed Away

WAS ON A VISIT IN BETHEL

He for Twenty Years Conducted the Ave-
nue House in St. Johnsbury, Build-
ing New Structure When Old
One Burned

St. Johnsbury, Aug. 25.—Benjamin Gates Howe, who was at one time one of the largest property owners in St. Johnsbury, died last night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. T. King, in Bethel after a short illness, following a shock of apoplexy. The body will be brought here for the funeral and for interment.

Mr. Howe was born in Salem, N. H., on May 3, 1832, the son of William and Mary A. Howe. He was educated at the academy in Henniker and Hopkinton and resided in those places for a time, being very prominent in each and holding many offices of trust and importance, among which was that of superintendent of schools. He came to St. Johnsbury in 1875.

For twenty years he was owner and proprietor of the old Avenue house, and he also built the Howe opera house. When the Avenue house was burned, he constructed the present hotel of that name in 1896 and was its proprietor until a few years ago, when it passed into the hands of M. J. Colbeck. After getting through there, Mr. Howe conducted the St. Johnsbury house and also the Crystal Lake house at Barton for a time.

He was married on May 3, 1857, to Nancy A. Chase, and she survives him. Two years ago they celebrated their twenty-third wedding anniversary. They had six children, two of whom died in infancy. The four surviving are Mrs. W. T. King of Bethel, Mrs. C. A. Cranston of St. Johnsbury, Frederick B. Howe of Woodville, N. H., and Carl M. Howe, proprietor of a meat market in St. Johnsbury. He was a member of the Church of the Messiah (Universalist) of this place.

The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

PROMINENT PHYSICIAN DEAD.

D. James R. McGuire of West Rutland
Died in Hospital.

Rutland, Aug. 25.—Dr. James R. McGuire of West Rutland, one of the best-known physicians in this vicinity, died at the Proctor hospital last evening, following an operation for a cancerous trouble of the stomach.

Dr. McGuire was born at Rome, N. Y., July 26, 1843, and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John McGuire. For a number of years he was head of the staff of the Cook county hospital at Chicago, after which he was located at Westfield, Mass., where he stayed for about five years. He came to West Rutland 16 years ago.

Dr. McGuire was commodore of the Lake Bomoseen yacht club of which he was the principal organizer several years ago. He was a member of West Rutland division A. O. U. E. Foresters of America, Rutland division of Eagles and of the State Fish and Game League. He is survived by a wife and one son, Raymond McGuire, of Springfield, Mass.

CHOLERA IS ADDED

To the Afflictions of the Spanish Soldiers
at Melilla.

Liebon, Aug. 25.—According to a dispatch received today, the cholera is added to the affliction of the Spanish soldiers at Melilla. The sanitary arrangements have been neglected since the troops have been busy with constant engagements. The first abortive attempt for the Spaniards to advance on posts resulted in a loss of from 250 to 300 men. The latter recently shelled the hospital in the city, killing many patients.

MANY INNOCENT KILLED.

Believed That Barcelona Is on Eve of
Another Uprising.

Barcelona, Aug. 25.—Captain General Santiago de la Barcelona district today issued an order that all employers of labor furnish daily lists of absences of workmen. On receipt of such lists they will search for the missing men. Santiago thinks that the city is on the verge of another uprising and has directed the police to shoot anyone showing the least unfriendliness to the authorities. Many innocent persons have been killed as a result.

GOMPERS TO BE THERE.

At the International Anti-Work
Congress in Paris.

Paris, Aug. 25.—Samuel M. Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, sent word today that he would be present Saturday to represent America in the International Anti-work congress. Delegates representing 5,000,000 union laborers are expected.

ARBITRATION ONLY MEANS.

Settling the Pressed Steel Com-
pany's Strike Near Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, Aug. 25.—All hopes of the Pressed Steel Car Co. strike being settled today by arbitration are gone unless the company voluntarily meets them. The men lost today when Judge McFarland refused the petition by the strikers asking for compulsory arbitration.

Excursion to Montreal. See adv. on page 2.

VERMONT RED MEN
BEING ENTERTAINEDGreat Council at Lyndonville—The Or-
der Has Shown Considerable
Growth During the Past
Year.

Lyndonville, Aug. 25.—The Great Council of Vermont, I. O. R. M., is being entertained by Wampanoag Tribe, No. 11, to day, previous to the annual meeting of the council here tomorrow. The program for tonight begins at six o'clock with a parade. The parade will be a novel one, headed by two scouts from Wampanoag tribe. They will be followed by the Lyndonville band and then comes the Ethan Allen League of uniformed Red Men from St. Johnsbury, one of three leagues and the first to be formed in New England. Next in line are six mounted Indians and warriors of Wampanoag and Algonquin Tribes No. 11 of St. Johnsbury. Officers of the Great Council and representatives of all tribes in the state will complete the line.

Following the parade a banquet will be served in the wigwam of Wampanoag Tribe, and the degree team from Algonquin Tribe will confer the warrior's degree on several candidates. The evening's entertainment will conclude with a smoke talk. The fourth annual Great Council of the Reservation of Vermont since this Council was made independent from the Massachusetts Council will convene tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

The most important business of the session will be the raising up of the following great chiefs: Great Prophet, DeWitt Davis of Chester; Great Sachem, George W. Pierce of Lyndonville; Great Senior Sagamore, W. L. Mandez of Bellows Falls; Great Junior Sagamore, M. E. Leimond of East Barre; Great Chief of Records, John Storey of Thirteenth; Great Keeper of Wampum, William W. Russell of Barre. The annual report recently issued by Great Sachem DeWitt Davis contains much valuable and interesting information. During the year a tribe of Red Men has been organized at Windsor and two councils of Daughters of Pocahontas at Beecher Falls and East Barre, making in all in the state at the present time 11 tribes of Red Men and five councils.

SWANTON MERCHANTS
FAILED HEAVILYHenry F. Martin & Son Have Liabili-
ties of \$14,367.14 and Assets of
\$11,513.50—Also File
As Individuals.

Rutland, Aug. 25.—The firm of Henry F. Martin & Son, Swanton merchants, filed a petition in bankruptcy today with Clerk F. S. Platt of the United States court. They set up their liabilities as \$14,367.14 and their assets as \$11,513.50. The members of the firm also filed their schedules as individuals.

BRADFORD FAIR OPENS.

Some Good Exhibits Being Made This
Week.

Bradford, Aug. 25.—The annual fair and exhibit of the Bradford Agricultural and Trotting association opened yesterday with fine weather and good attendance.

The cattle entries are excellent and include a large herd of Herefords from the Mt. Cuba farm of Harry Morrison, which was the center of attraction. There were also herds of Holsteins, Jerseys and Ayrshires of good quality. There were few driving horses and matched pairs, but many yearling colts and brood mares with their colts. The sheep entries are showing good stock of wagons, harness, furniture and cabinet work.

FURNER OF CENTENARIAN.

Leo Muzzey, One of the Oldest Men in
Vermont.

Morrisville, Aug. 25.—The funeral of Leo Muzzey, one of the oldest men in the state, who died Sunday night at the home of his son, David, near this village, aged 100 years, took place yesterday. Rev. W. T. Best of the Methodist church officiated and the interment was in the Stowe village cemetery.

Mr. Muzzey was born Dec. 8, 1809, in Canada. He had been a resident of Vermont since early manhood and had lived in this town since 1865 with the exception of a short time in Stowe and Johnson. He had enjoyed remarkable health until last May and retained possession of his mental faculties until within two weeks of his death.

Mr. Muzzey is survived by five sons and one daughter, William and John Muzzey of Detroit, Mich., Joseph and David Muzzey, and Mrs. Mary Dubey of Johnson and Charles Muzzey of Morrisville.

ROBBED A POLICEMAN.

Patrolman Frank Hamel Lost Two Har-
nesses—Others Lost Smaller Articles.

Some sneak thief made a raid on three barns in the vicinity of Bolster place Monday night of Tuesday morning and went away with two harnesses, currys and brushes and gathered up about two dollars' worth of currys and brushes and at the barn occupied by W. C. H. Criswick took off a new faucet from the water pipe. The two harnesses were the property of Officer Frank Hamel and were taken from his barn at Bolster place. There were other harnesses in the barn belonging to other people but they were not taken. They got into Papa Brothers' ivery stable and gathered up about two dollars' worth of currys and brushes and at the barn occupied by W. C. H. Criswick took off a new faucet from the water pipe.

This far no trace of the thief has been found. Officer Hamel stated that he will give a reward of \$10 for the arrest and conviction of the thief who took his harnesses.

MURDER IS
REVEALEDGeorge Kent's Body Was
Found in Townshend

WAS BADLY DECOMPOSED

Evidence Go to Show That the Man
Was Robbed and Murdered—His
Own Sons Found the
Remains.

Brattleboro, Aug. 25.—State's Attorney Charles H. Williams of Bellows Falls firmly believes that George Kent, whose body was found Monday by two of his sons not more than two rods from the Kent house in Townshend, was murdered. The remains were discovered by Bernard Kent, aged 14, and Percy his younger brother, aged 10.

Kent who was about 60 years old, disappeared about six weeks ago being last seen alive on July 9. From time to time a desultory search had been made by the neighbors in the vicinity of his home which is about two miles from Townshend village but without success and all hope of finding traces of the missing man had been abandoned. Monday afternoon his two sons were playing on the shore of a small brook which runs by the roadside a short distance from their home and noticing a disagreeable odor, they made an investigation and came upon the body of their father. It was lying at the foot of a high bank under some bushes, partly on the shore and partly in water. It was a short distance from the highway.

The two boys at once ran to the village and notified the people they met on the way and it was finally reported to the Townshend health officer, Dr. Geo. Gale, who viewed the body and then notified State's Attorney Charles H. Williams at Bellows Falls. Mr. Williams immediately left for Townshend to earn the circumstances surrounding the man's death and although he refuses to have had on his person a distance of three miles. That was the last seen of him.

When the body was viewed by the Townshend health officer it was hardly recognizable. It had the appearance of having been partially eaten by some animal and parts of the body were so rotten that it was necessary to shoot them up to place the remains in a coffin. Upon the arrival of Mr. Williams, he viewed it and ordered immediate burial. Circumstances surrounding the discovery of the body indicate foul play and the authorities believe that he was murdered. The body was found in a steep bank slope down from the highway to the brook and this is covered by a dense growth of bushes. It would be impossible for a man to either roll down or fall down this bank where the body was found. It was fully clothed with the exception of coat and shoes and was found half way up the bank.

It is believed that the man was assaulted and robbed, as his pockets were found turned inside out, and that his body was dragged down the bank through the bushes where it was found. A large sum of money which he was known to have had on his person was missing and no trace of any pocket watch or other articles could be found.

A Son Arrested for Robbery
Fred R. Kent, aged 35, another son of the dead man, was arrested Monday afternoon in Westminster, and was taken to Townshend where he was held for the September term of Windham county court charged with breaking and entering the home of C. A. Eldy of Townshend and stealing clothes and other belonging to Mr. Eldy. The clothes were found in the Kent home. Mr. Williams refused to say whether or not he believed that Fred Kent was guilty of the murder or whether he was holding him until he could make a further investigation but he did say that he had the body in safe place and where he could get him when he was wanted.

The son was arraigned before Justice E. L. Hastings of Townshend yesterday morning on the complaint of the town grand juror charged with entering the Eldy home and was bound over without bail for the September term of court. Mr. Williams further said that circumstances in the case pointed directly to some member of the family as being concerned in the death of the father, someone familiar with his habits and movements on the day of the disappearance.

Shortly after his father's disappearance, Fred went to Westminster West, where he has been employed for the past six weeks as a farm hand. He has not been informed that his father's body has been found and is being kept in ignorance of all of the later developments in the case.

PANTHER AGAIN SEEN.
O. R. Wiggins of Middlesex Added to
List of Those Who Have Seen It.

O. R. Wiggins of Middlesex reports that he has seen the cat or panther which has been causing some apprehension about this section recently. He says that he saw the animal near the window of his house last Monday night and that he didn't take a shot at the beast because he didn't have any firearm handy.

Excursion to Montreal. See adv. on page 2.

GEO. W. RIPLEY DEAD.

Aged Man Was a Contractor by Trade.
Funeral on Thursday.

George W. Ripley passed away at the home of his niece, Mrs. W. H. Clough of Camp street extension, at 9:30 this morning, following an illness incident to old age.

He was born in Elmira December 20, 1830, and would, therefore, have been 80 years of age his next birthday. Mr. Ripley was a son of Captain David Ripley, who was many years a sea captain and who moved with his family to Elmira from Plymouth, Mass.

Mr. Ripley had lived with his niece, Mrs. Clough, in this city for five years, but most of his life was spent in Montpelier. He was a contractor and builder and built all of the nice work in the House chamber at the State House, as well as the Pavilion hotel and the Vermont Mutual Fire Insurance company's building. Mr. Ripley was a staunch Republican, a strong temperance advocate, and was a follower of the Spiritualist faith.

He was three times married, his third wife dying about five years ago. Children were born to him, but all died young. He is survived by five nieces and three nephews. He was a member of the Sons of Revolution.

The funeral services will be held at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon and at the chapel at Green Mount cemetery at Montpelier at one o'clock in the afternoon. Mrs. E. C. Chapman of Queen City park, Burlington, will officiate.

BOTH LEGS CUT OFF.

HE DIED IN HOSPITAL

Rowell Humphrey of Underhill Jumped
from Train and Probably Struck
Another Car, Then Being Thrown
Under the Wheels.

Underhill, Aug. 25.—Rowell Humphrey, aged about 30 years, died early yesterday morning following injuries received at the local railway station Monday evening. He had come to his home here from South Burlington, where he worked on the Chittenden farm and evidently intended to return there on the evening train. Changing his mind after the train was in motion, he jumped off and some say that he struck a baggage truck or other obstruction and was thus hurled under the wheels of the rapidly moving cars. One leg was cut off above the ankle and the other higher up.

Dr. W. S. Nay and Dr. L. Burnett attended him and he was taken to the Fanny Allen hospital at about 10 o'clock in Harmon Howard's automobile. Dr. Burnett accompanying him. It is expected that both legs were performed there at 1:15 yesterday morning and Humphrey failed to rally from the shock. He is survived by a wife and by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Humphrey, and by two brothers and a sister. The funeral will be held here Thursday afternoon.

HEARING NOT LIKELY.

To Discuss the Matter of Telephone
Rates to-morrow.

It is hardly probable that there will be a hearing on the telephone situation before the public service commission to-morrow, as the telephone company has not yet filed its answer to the articles set forth by the petition presented by citizens of Barre and Montpelier to the commission. This answer will be filed today or tomorrow and it is expected by Attorney John W. Gordon for the Barre board of trade that the hearing will be postponed but that the commission may hold an informal meeting.

EXCEEDED ESTIMATE.

Cost of Concrete Foundation for Mont-
pelier's City Hall.

The total cost of the concrete foundation for the new city hall in Montpelier was \$21,760.72, which was not considered overmuch although it exceeded her estimate of \$10,000. The added cost was due to need for unusual excavation. The total excavation in cubic yards was 1,893 and two-tenths.

TALK OF THE TOWN

John Patterson went to Rutland to-
day on a business trip.

J. F. McLaughlin of Richmond was a visitor in this city today.

Milton Williams went to St. Albans to-day for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. George N. Tilden and Warren Currier went to the Morrisville fair today in Mr. Brown's automobile.

George T. Bowes of Aberdeen, Scotland, is visiting at the home of Robert Troup of North Main street. Mr. Bowes is a professional pianist and organist.

Workers at the Orange brook reservoir began yesterday the driving of piles in the construction of the work and it is expected that it will rapidly come to completion now.

Miss Polly Roben went to South Ryegate today for her annual visit at her former home. Miss Roben is 80 years of age but her health is remarkably good and she enjoys her annual visit.

George Gordon, who for the past 26 years has made his home in the Fiji Islands, is visiting at the home of his brother, Alexander Gordon, of Marr & Gordon. Mr. Gordon is engaged in sugar raising in the Fiji.

Among arrivals at the Hotel Otis yesterday were H. R. Swift, Boston; Marion L. Venn, Burlington; Sidney Jacobs, N. J. Marx, New York; H. M. Catter, Boston; D. W. Thompson, Albany, N. Y.; Charles W. Anderson, Danbury, Conn.; John Blake, Canaan, N. H.; A. W. Smith, East Wakefield, N. H.; A. C. Certei, Boston; A. L. Anderson, Shelton Junction; C. S. Marshall, Newport; John H. Bailey, Burlington.

More than 13,700 pounds of the sweeping compound, "Dyphane," used in the city of Barre, Green in color. It is a dust killer. It's a germ killer. It brightens floors and restores carpets to original color by removing all dirt and dust. It is the most economical compound on the market. Take up a substitute, be sure you get "Dyphane." Ask your grocer for it. If he cannot furnish it, get it at the N. D. Phelps Co. Trial sample free, has been young and was raising a brood

AN ASSESSOR
RESIGNSV. E. AYERS Concluded His
Duties Last Night

RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

Tangle over Sewer to Be Laid from New
Schoolhouse on Hill Street—Other
Acts of Aldermen Last
Night.

At the regular meeting of the board of aldermen last evening, Virgil E. Ayers resigned as an assessor after several years' service. Mr. Ayers gave no reason for resigning other than that the work of the assessors for the year was practically completed and he wished to leave the position. On motion of Alderman Campbell, his resignation was accepted. Mr. Ayers' term would have expired next year.

The question of purchasing the "common" property from the Congregational church society came up again at the meeting, when School Commissioner John Stephen brought in a letter which the school commissioners had received from the business committee of the church, stating that they understood that it was being proposed to run the sewer from the new school building through the "common" property and that they would not allow this to be done.

After this letter had been read by the clerk, President Thurston said that the church committee was a "little off" as the city charter gives the city the right to lay sewer across any private property by paying damages, but he said that he had always supposed that the best way was to connect the sewer with the Camp street main. Mr. Stephen then said that the city engineer seemed to think that that running the sewer across the common, and connecting it with Camp street was the more feasible way. The Camp street sewer would have to be lowered, he said, but he did not know what the cost would be.

City Clerk Mackay stated that he considered the Camp street route the best, for the reason that by laying the sewer to Camp street it would be saving property that in all probability in the near future would want the sewer, and it would have to be laid then, anyway; whereas, if it was across the common it would never be used except by the school.

No action was taken in regard to the letter, but Alderman Alexander said he thought the question as to what the city was going to do in regard to purchasing the common should be decided definitely out of justice to the school commission. Several of the aldermen stated that they could not see why the city could not lease the land regardless of the vote of the city meeting and after some discussion of this question and incidentally as to why a quit claim deed was not a legal title to the property, Alderman Bowen moved that the property committee be instructed to get a written report from the city attorney as to whether the city had a right to lease the property, not taking into consideration the city meeting, and the motion was carried.

Other business transacted by the board was as follows: The committee on streets, to whom had been referred the petition for an extension of the water main on Berlin street to the house of A. Mout, reported that the extension would require about 275 feet of two-inch pipe and would cost \$165. The yearly rental now would be \$17, and they would recommend that the extension be made with the stipulation that the yearly rental should amount to ten per cent. of the cost of extension. The report was accepted.

The fire committee reported in favor of installing a hydrant at the corner of East street and Upland avenue, providing the city engineer decided that there was sufficient water in the main to supply the height to be of service. This report was accepted.

A petition for a sewer extension from Berlin street to a point on Harold street was referred to the street committee to investigate and report.

The health officer reported for the month of July a total of 34 births and 15 deaths. There were 23 contagious disease cases reported, all of which were measles.

Residents in the vicinity of Bemis place off North Main street sent in a petition for a street light and it was referred to the committee on lights to investigate and report.

A communication from Dr. F. M. Lynde was read, stating that he was ready to sign an agreement to pay a yearly rental equalling 10 per cent. of the cost to extend the water main on Franklin street to the intersection of Johnson, and the water committee was instructed to draw up an agreement.

The petition for a sewer extension on Franklin street, which had been laid on the table to await a report of the water superintendent in regard to the water system, was taken from the table and referred to the street committee to investigate and report.

Alderman Alexander stated that C. L. Currier had sent in a bill of one dollar for a hen killed by dogs. He said that the city had never paid over 75 cents for hens killed by dogs and if they paid him an extra 25 cents they might be establishing an dangerous precedent. Mr. Currier was present and stated that the hen was young and was raising a brood

of five young chickens when it met its death, and that he then had to care for the chickens himself. Under these circumstances he considered that a dollar was little enough for the hen, and besides he did not want to be "flooded down" in his price and if they did not want to settle for the full price he would drop it, but he wanted the privilege to protect his hens with a gun when the dogs came onto his property.

Alderman Campbell thought that the board would not be creating a bad precedent if they paid Mr. Currier a dollar for his hen, as he considered the price to be right and on his motion it was voted to pay the full price.

Alderman Rossi stated that J. Merlo had made a complaint to him of a dog biting his horse's heels on River street last Saturday evening, causing the horse to run away and injuring two men who were in the wagon, besides injuring the horse so that the services of a veterinarian were necessary. The clerk stated that by three citizens signing a written complaint that the dog was vicious, the matter could then be taken up and investigated, and it found true the owner could be made to muzzle the dog.

A PECULIAR ARREST.

Man Surrenders Himself Because He
Thought He Was as Drunk as Two
Men Arrested.

Three native sons of the province of Quebec were arraigned in the city court this morning on the charge of intoxication. He trio were Joseph Pruneau, who resides on Myrtle avenue, Lisle Cyr, who lives in Orange, and his hired man, Leo Leduc. Cyr said that he and Leduc came down from Orange yesterday with a load of wood, which they disposed of, and were starting for home about five o'clock when they met Pruneau and tried to sell him a load of wood.

He claimed Pruneau asked them to come to his house and see if his wife needed any wood. When they got there, he says, Pruneau produced a quart of whiskey and the three drank it all in a short time. About 11 o'clock last evening Officer Gamble got a telephone message from Mrs. Pruneau that there were some drunken men making a disturbance at her house and she wanted them taken care of. Officers Gamble and Carle went at once to the house, which is at the upper end of Maple avenue, and arrested Cyr and Leduc. The officers loaded them into Cyr's team, which was standing by the house, and brought them to the police station.

Soon after they had locked the two men into cells, Pruneau walked into the station and demanded to know of Officer Hamel, who was sitting in the front room of the station, why those men had been arrested.

"They were drunk, weren't they?" said the officer.

"Well, I guess you better arrest me, then," said Pruneau.

The officer thought Pruneau was drunk enough to be accommodated and looked him up.

This morning Pruneau and Leduc pleaded guilty to first offenses and Cyr said he was guilty of a subsequent offense. Pruneau's fine was \$5 and costs of \$5.80, he thought he would be able to raise. Leduc was taxed the same and Cyr was assessed \$20.80. Cyr had the \$20, which he handed over to Judge Scott, and then went out to borrow the 80 cents and also the money to pay Leduc's fine.

YOUNGSTERS REAT ELDERS.

In National Game at the Methodist Sun-
day School Picnic.

The postponed annual picnic of the Sunday school of the Methodist church was held at Caledonia park yesterday. The weather conditions were ideal and one of the largest crowds that ever attended one of these outings was present.

There were the usual sports and races for the young people and some in which the elders indulged as well. There was a base ball game between the men's Brotherhood and the boys' Brotherhood, in which the youngsters trimmed their elders to a frazzle. Refreshments were served during the afternoon and many took their dinners in boxes and ate them in the shade of the trees and in the pavilion.

The list of races and their winners follows:
Girls' sack race, Lesell Hunter 1st, Louise Melvin 2d, Eda Carvis and Emma Downey tied for 3d.

Boys' sack race, Arthur Blackman 1st, Eugene Moller 2d, Paul Restell 3d.

Boys' 300-yard race, Paul Restell 1st, Leslie Wilson 2d.

Girls' 100-yard race, Margaret Melvin 1st, Mary Restell 2d, Ida Rowe 3d.

Small boys' race, George Pearson 1st, John Morrison 2d, Gordon Eager 3d.

AGAIN IN CUSTODY.

Louis Sassi Gases at Sun and Does Other
Queer Things.

So many complaints were made to the police yesterday and this morning of the actions of Louis Sassi, who has been arrested on account of his peculiar actions, that Chief Faulkner took him into custody at 10:45 o'clock this morning. Since Sassi was released last week the officers have found him on the streets at all hours of the night. At five o'clock this morning he was out in the City park trying to catch doves and a string and he wandered about picking up old papers and gazing at the sun through his stone cutters' glasses.

When he was examined last week by Drs. Duffy and Ghidella, they stated that he had been affected by drink and if he let liquor alone. A few weeks prior to that he was arrested in Montpelier on the charge of intoxication, but was released.

After taking him to the station, Chief Faulkner notified Alderman Even, chairman of the charity committee, who will call a meeting of the whole committee and decide what disposition will be made of the case.

When the man was examined this afternoon by City Physician P. S. Duffy and Dr. H. O. Worthen, the doctors decided that he was insane and steps will be taken at once to have him committed to the insane hospital at Waterbury.

W. W. Russell, Alex. McCaskill, Geo. Cormack, Alex. Ross, Walter Morgan, A. B. Lyman and E. A. Smith went to Lyndonville this afternoon to attend the annual convention of the Red Men of the state.

VERMONT IS
FAR BEHINDIn Reporting Vital Statistics
at Washington

SAYS CHIEF STATISTICIAN

He Declared Before the Health Officers'
School To-day That Vermont
Held up the Entire Coun-
try Last Year.

At the opening session of the Vermont health officers' school in Montpelier to-day, Prof. J. W. Votey of the university of Vermont spoke on "Sewage Disposal," his talk having been transferred from last night. Prof. Votey called attention to the various systems and recommended the percolating filter system as the best for Vermont. This paper was discussed by Dr. E. B. Clark of Castleton and Dr. W. A. Young of Westfield.

Dr. Cressy J. Wilbur of Washington, D. C., chief statistician of the census bureau, was the next speaker, talking about "Vital Statistics." He displayed charts showing how Vermont stood in the matter of reporting vital statistics and he said that Vermont was behind the other states in this matter. This was in part due to the fact that responsibility for reporting was divided between the town clerk and the local boards of health. The fact that it was not definitely stated who should do the work has resulted in the work not being properly done. Dr. Wilbur said that the Vermont registration of births was better than the registration of deaths. He declares, furthermore, that the whole of the country was held up by Vermont last year because of the lateness of sending in the returns. In closing he urged town clerks and boards of health to be more prompt.

Neither City Clerk Merrill of Montpelier nor City Clerk Mackay of Barre, who were to discuss the paper, was present. So Dr. Holton of the state board of health answered some questions on the matter.

Dr. J. H. Huber of New York was to have spoken before the health officers last night, but owing to the fact that he got mixed in the dates, his part of the program had to be put over until late to-day. He was in Burlington last night instead of coming through to Montpelier. Dr. David D. Drigh, medical inspector of the Boston board of health, spoke this afternoon on "Infectious Diseases."

Yesterday afternoon Dr. C. O. Probst, secretary of the Ohio state board of health and secretary of the American Public Health association, gave a most excellent address on "The Duties of State and Local Boards of Health." Dr. Probst said that health boards should be educative, legislative and executive in their offices; first educating the public up to the laws of sanitation and proper safeguarding of the health of the community. He insisted that every child after the primary grade should be instructed in the nature of contagious diseases and how to prevent their spread. Physical development should be put on a plane with mental development and an experienced physician should be connected with every school as a member of the staff of teachers. Good morals are dependent upon good health.

There remain several phases which should be treated by the state board, the